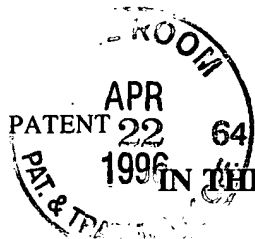


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In re application of: van der Laan, *et al.*

Serial No.: 07/565,673

Filed: August 10, 1990

Title: EFFICIENT PRODUCTION OF
MUTANT PROTEASES

Examiner: K. Hendricks

Art Unit: 1814

RESPONSE/AMENDMENT TO
OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner of Patent and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 18, 1996. Reconsideration and re-examination of the above identified patent application are requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to make the following amendments.

In the claims:

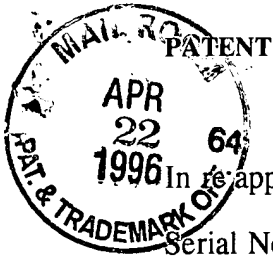
4. (Amended) The method according to Claim 23, wherein said *Bacillus* strain is *Bacillus* novo species PB92 or a derivative thereof which is incapable of reversion and contains a mutant high alkaline protease.

5. (Reiterated) The method according to Claim 23, wherein said *Bacillus* strain is an asporogenic alkalophilic *Bacillus* strain.

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application is

- ☐ a Preliminary Amendment
- ☐ an Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.312(a)
- ☒ A Response/Amendment
- ☐ Small entity status of this Application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Verified Declaration previously submitted.
- ☐ A Verified Declaration of Small Entity Status Under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

Also enclosed:

- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement.
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- ☐ Associate Power of Attorney.
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The fees have been calculated as shown below:

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				<u>Rate</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Total:	29	23	6	x \$11	= \$^	x \$22	= \$132.00
Indep:	9	7	2	x \$38	= \$^	x \$76	= \$152.00

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are used for the first time in this application, add \$240 \$

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<u>Extension of Time</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>	<u>Large Entity</u>
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- ☐ A check including the amount of the above indicated TOTAL FEES is attached.
- ☒ Please charge Deposit Account No. 18-0020 in the amount of \$284.00.
- ☐ No fee is required.
- ☐ Conditional Petition for Extension of Time: An extension of time is requested to provide for timely filing if an extension of time is still required after all papers filed with this transmittal have been considered.
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- ☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
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Respectfully submitted,

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